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ANSWER CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

2931 Task Orders
\$4.26 B Funded Sales
\$8.72 B Estimated Value

MILLENNIA CONTRACT FACTOIDS!

112 Task Orders
\$4.81 B Funded Sales
\$8.83 B Estimated Value

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ITOP II Contract Expires January 2006

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The Information Technology Omnibus Procurement II (ITOP II), a Government-wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) transitioned to GSA from the Department of Transportation (DOT) on April 1, 2004, expired January 2006. However, task orders issued before the contract expiration date will continue until the end of the task order period of performance, which can last up to five years. The ITOP II GWAC includes the requirement that all new task orders issued must be completed within five years of task order award. With the five-year period of performance, task orders awarded in the final days of the ITOP II contract can continue until January 2011.

The ITOP II Program consists of 35 contracts and 26 Industry Partners, including 13 large and 13 small/small disadvantaged businesses. The contract vehicle was awarded on February 28, 1999 with a contract ceiling of \$10 Billion. The ITOP customer base spans many civilian and DOD agencies and the contract scope provides a wide range of information technology (IT) services. A total of 192 projects have been awarded under the ITOP II contract since contract conception. Total obligated dollars are \$2.84B and the estimated contract value (with options) is \$5.64B. There will be no follow-on for ITOP II. The decision was made not to recompetitve ITOP II due to concern about redundancy and overlap of contract vehicles.

Proposed FAR Amendment to Adjust Thresholds for Inflation

Monti Jagers

The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council are proposing to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to adjust acquisition-related thresholds for inflation. The proposed change to the FAR was published in the *Federal Register* on December 12, 2005. Comments for the proposed rule are due by February 10, 2006. Section 807 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 requires adjustment every five years of acquisition-related thresholds, excluding thresholds set by the Davis-Bacon Act, Service Contract Act, and trade agreements. The proposed FAR changes for heavily used thresholds include:

- The micropurchase threshold (FAR 2.101) will be raised from \$2,500 to \$3,000.
- The Federal Procurement Data System reporting threshold (FAR 4.602(c)) will be raised from \$2,500 to \$3,000.
- The simplified acquisition threshold (FAR 2.101) of \$100,000 will not be raised.
- Commercial items test program ceiling (FAR 13.500) will be raised from \$5 million to \$5.5 million.
- The cost and pricing data threshold (FAR 15.403-4) will be raised from \$550,000 to \$600,000.
- The prime contractor subcontracting plan (FAR 19.702) floor will be raised from \$500,000 to \$550,000, but for construction (\$1,000,000) is unchanged.

ITS Acquires the LEADS CORPORATION*Monti Jagers*

ITS Corporation, one of the ANSWER Industry Partners, recently acquired the LEADS Corporation, a Virginia-based company specializing in acquisition management and consulting, technology management and enterprise modernization services for the federal government. Currently headquartered in Arlington, Va., LEADS has approximately 90 employees and estimated FY 2005 revenue of \$15 million.

ITS Corporation provides IT and engineering solutions to the U.S. military; intelligence and homeland security agencies; and other agencies of the Federal government. ITS' core competencies include systems development and integration, IT security, program management, business information management, studies and analysis, and enterprise management for a broad spectrum of government customers.

The acquisition will introduce ITS to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the U.S. Department of Treasury, and will strengthen its presence within the Departments of Defense, throughout the intelligence community and in the Department of Homeland Security.

Millennia Past Performance II results being uploaded into CPS.*Chris Andrade*

The results from the Millennia Past Performance II Survey (January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004) are currently being loaded into the National Institute of Health's (NIH) Contractor Performance System (CPS). Once the information is completed in CPS, it is uploaded into the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). This information is an important tool used by source selection officials as part of award consideration. The survey scores in PPIRS will reflect those scores given during the annual Millennia Past Performance Survey.

CONTRACTING OFFICERS' CORNER

ANSWER and Millennia Task Order Reminder. The ANSWER and Millennia GWAC vehicles will expire in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 respectively. Placement of new task orders under ANSWER and Millennia will continue until contract expiration. The ANSWER and Millennia GWACs include the requirement that all new task orders issued must be completed within five years of task order award. With the five-year period of performance for task orders, work under both the ANSWER and Millennia contracts can continue until fiscal year 2013 and 2014 respectively.

ANSWER and Millennia Quarterly Program Management (QPM) Meetings Planned for early 2006. Planning for the next ANSWER and Millennia QPM Meetings is in progress. These QPM Meetings are held quarterly to address current issues, resolve potential problems and review future and on-going initiatives. The Millennia meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 in San Diego, California. Susan Currey, Millennia PCO, will be conducting the meeting, which will include guest speakers from Washington, D.C. The ANSWER meeting will be held February 1, 2006 in San Diego, California. Patricia Sullivan, PCO, will conduct the meeting and Les Yamagata will be the keynote speaker. All of the ANSWER and Millennia Industry Partners will be in attendance, as will GSA Enterprise Center associates. FEDSIM associates will also be in attendance at the Millennia meeting.

Millennia Past Performance Survey III Preparations are Under Way. With Millennia nearing the end of its seventh year, the Millennia team has begun preparations for the next past performance survey to begin in January. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 42.15 requires that agencies evaluate contractor performance, record and maintain performance information, and ensure that the contractors conform to contract requirements. The survey will include all active task orders during 2005. Chris Andrade, Millennia Contract Specialist Intern, has sent test emails to all internal and external clients to verify addresses for the upcoming survey.

January Events**Date:** January 10-11, 2006**Location:** San Diego, CA**Event:** AFCEA Conference**Date:** January 9-13, 2006**Location:** Hawaii**Event:** Solutions EDU Class**Date:** January 31, 2006**Location:** San Diego, CA**Event:** Millennia Program Review**Date:** February 1, 2006**Location:** San Diego, CA**Event:** ANSWER Program Review***Enterprise GWAC Center POCs***

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